MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know from the Chief Secretary when the Darbar Physician recommended the opening of a dispensary at Piravam?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is not before me.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know how many dispensaries have been opened after this recommendation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This year we opened three.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the distance from Piravam to the nearest dispensary?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member knows it more than myself.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Are the Government aware of the distance from Piravam to the nearest dispensary?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that at present.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the reason why the Government allowed the scheme to lie over?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For want of funds.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the number of dispensaries that have been opened in Kottayam Division during the last five or ten years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I must look up the papers for the last ten years; so, I am unable to say that now.

Opening of a Dispensary at Muttuchira.

48. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Administrative Board, Medical Services, has recommended the opening of a dispensary at Muttuchira in the Vaikam taluk?

(2) If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to open one at Muttuchira?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) No. The Board has considered the question and has found that a dispensary at Muttuchira is unnecessary, the place being close to Koravilangad which was preferred for a new dispensary as it was more central and populous.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this question does not arise.

Construction of a Cart Road from Palamkadavu to Talayolaparambu.

49. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): (1) With reference to the answer to question No. 121, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the

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22nd Tulam 1101, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action regarding the construction of a road from Palamkadavu to Talayolaparambu?

2) Are the Government aware that, owing to the want of a proper road, the public undergo considerable loss and difficulty?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to order the construction of the road immediately?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) An estimate has been called for. It has been prepared and is under examination by the Chief Engineer.

(2) The answer is in the affirmative.

(3) It is not possible to take up the work immediately for want of funds. The question will be considered when the budget for the next year is taken up.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know from the member when the estimates reached the Chief Engineer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is now with the Chief Engineer. I cannot say when it reached him.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the estimated total cost for this work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The estimate of the Divisional Officer is Rs. 1,300 and it is now being considered by the Chief Engineer.

Opening of a Road from Podiyadi to Nirettupuram.

50. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the means of communication between Tiruvalla and Ambalapuzha taluks will be greatly facilitated by the opening of a road from Podiyadi to Nirettupuram;

(*b*) whether there have not been repeated requests from the people to get this road opened;

(*c*) whether they have hitherto done anything in the matter; and

(*d*) if not, whether they will take early steps to open the road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) An estimate has been sanctioned and the Chief Engineer has been asked to take up the work this year, providing funds for the same.

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